

Buena Vista Water Advisory Board

Minutes of August 17, 2016

Public Works Office Meeting Room

755 Gregg Dr.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hamilton at 6:34 p.m.

Attendance and Introductions

In attendance were Harley Hamilton, Roy Gertson, Reed Dils, Andrew Rice, Greg Maggard, Brandy Reitter, and Duff Lacy.

Agenda Adoption

Chairman Hamilton accepted the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

There were two changes to the July 20th minutes:

1. *Board/Staff Interaction* - The date of the next meeting was changed from September 21, 2016 to August 17, 2016.
2. *E. Well #3 Completion* - Gertson noted that the last line should read "Gertson will deploy data loggers to correlate well water temperature with the Arkansas River temperature."

Chairman Hamilton called for a motion to approve the minutes for the July 20, 2016 meeting as corrected.

Motion #1 by Gertson, second by Rice to approve the July 20, 2016 minutes as corrected.
Motion carried.

Public Comment

Chairman Hamilton called for public comments. There were none.

Business Items

A. Salida Water Festival

Maggard talked about attending the Salida Water Festival. He and John Duggan, from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, presented information about how contaminants affect the water system. They also presented maps from the Source Water Protection Plan. He said their presentation was interactive and went well. Maggard said this was the first year for the water festival and would encourage people to go if they have it again next year.

B. Source Water Protection MOU Draft

Reitter presented a Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Chaffee County concerning the Town's Source Water Protection Plan (SWPP). The MOU is part of the Best Management Practices listed in the Plan. She would like to get input from the Water Advisory Board on the MOU before taking it to the Board of Trustees. She is hoping to have the agreement approved by the end of the year. Dils mentioned that the County is considering changes that would allow for more density within the County and expressed concerns about the ability to provide and treat enough water to keep up with increasing demand. Lacy concurred, saying that it may work in some areas but not in others, and probably not in Buena Vista's water protection area. Gertson said that is why the MOU is so important. Dils will send out information concerning the proposed changes to the Water Advisory Board. Reitter said the MOU may be turned into an IGA.

Rice stated that several privately owned public water systems overlap with Buena Vista's watershed and have similar interests. He suggested having those entities sign the document in support. Gertson will get the names and contact information for the other water systems to Reitter. The Town could send the final draft of the MOU to the other entities to sign off on it to show their support.

Gertson suggested adding page numbers to the document and spelling out Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) on the last page. Reitter said she will look it over and send it to the attorney to review. She will bring the final draft back to the Water Advisory Board to review.

C. St. Charles Mesa Agreement Update

Reitter said the document has been passed along to St. Charles Mesa's attorney, and she is in the process of setting up a meeting with St. Charles Mesa and their attorneys to discuss it.

D. Other Water Issues

Maggard said the Town is not able to use Well #2 right now because of a call on Cottonwood and may need to do mandatory water restrictions. The Town has slowed down on irrigating and may turn off the Splash Park soon. Gertson and Lacy mentioned trying voluntary restrictions first. Weather conditions could affect whether or not restrictions will be put in place.

Dils asked about a timeline for Cottonwood Dam improvements. Reitter said it will probably not happen until next year, because they are still working on engineering and feasibility studies. She hopes the studies will be done within the next six months or so.

Dils asked about use of the Town's water at the Meadows during the music festival. The Town leases the water to Jed Selby. Selby is allowed to have a small irrigation pond. Members expressed concern over the size of the pond, as well as other issues that were found along Cottonwood Creek around the time of the festival. Reitter will talk to Cindy Covell about how the Town water is supposed to be used. Reitter said this is the second year of a two-year lease, and the Town may have to consider whether or not they will renew lease.

She will also talk to Covell about options for selling or exchanging that water for water that is more usable for the Town.

Staff/Counsel Reports

A. Town Administrator – Brandy Reitter

Reitter had no further updates.

B. Public Works Director – Greg Maggard

Maggard will keep everyone up to date about water restrictions.

C. Water Counsel – Cynthia Covell

Covell was not present. No report was given.

Board/Staff Interaction

The next Water Advisory Board meeting will be held on September 21, 2016.

Adjournment

Seeing that there was no further business, Chairman Hamilton called for a motion to adjourn.

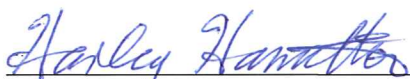
Motion #2 by Dils, second by Gertson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brooker

Administrative Assistant


Water Chairman

11-16-2016
Date